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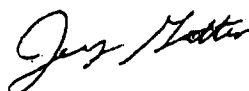
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Last November finally saw the resolution of the three-year long antitrust lawsuit filed against Microsoft. Much time and many resources were spent to get to this final resolution, and I believe that no more needs to be spent.

The resolution that was reached in November is just fine the way it is. It includes provisions to protect the smaller software companies trying to compete with the much larger Microsoft. It has provisions within it to keep the competition strong and healthy in the information technology market. Some of these beneficial provisions are as follows. Microsoft will now issue unified pricing lists so that companies entering into licensing contracts with Microsoft will all receive the same treatment. Microsoft has agreed to not include in any new contractual restrictions that would limit competitors' ability to promote software. This settlement even has a provision that would require Microsoft to disclose any interface information to a software company that would require such interfaces to work with Windows. These extensive provisions are quite enough.

As I said, enough time has already been spent resolving this issue. Therefore, I urge you to leave the current settlement in place with no substantial changes. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gatten